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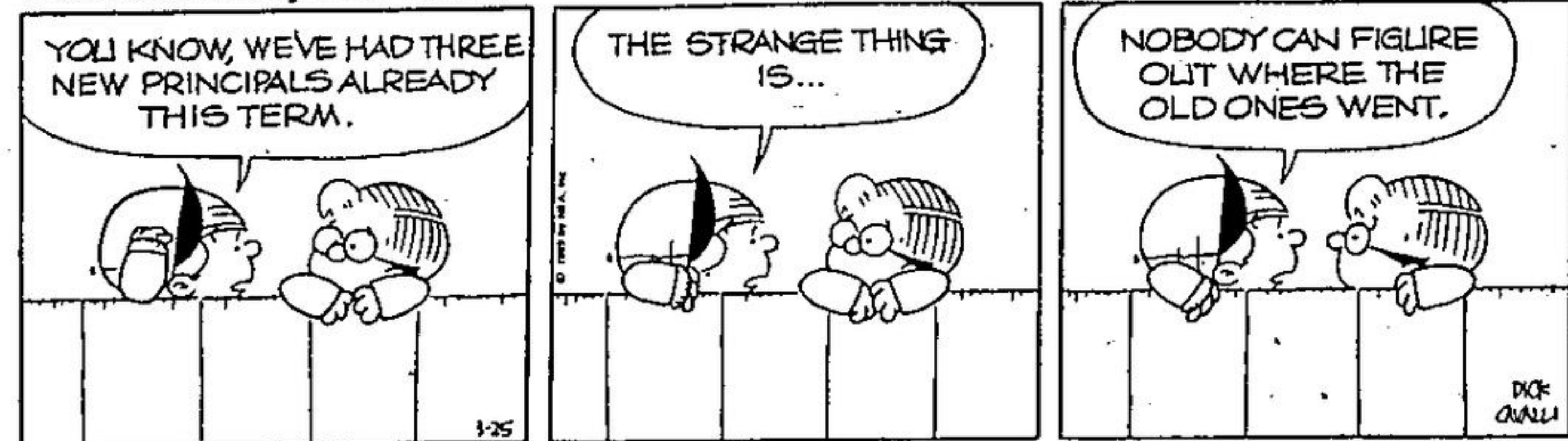
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**Your Birthday**

March 23, 1989

Your greatest successes in the year ahead are likely to come from enterprises or ventures you've already begun. Big payoffs could be in the offing from situations that previously only eked out sparse returns.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Try to take a laid-back position today in all of your affairs, even ones that could be a bit testy. Relax and let others worry about what and how to do things. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Outdoor activities where you can use your mental and physical attributes could do wonders for your feelings of well-being at this time. Don't be a couch potato today.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Things in general should go rather smoothly for you today because of your natural inclinations to view events in a positive manner. Your attitude will make the difficult easy.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A matter of importance to you materially can be finalized to your satisfaction today or, at the very least, put on the track to success. Make it a priority project.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your obvious fairness will attract favorable attention from others today. Should a mediator of sorts be required, you'll probably be pegged for the assignment.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Follow your instincts today regarding ways to keep your material affairs in proper balance. Your value awareness will be very keen and you'll know how to walk the narrow line.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You're likely to be a much better leader than a follower today. In matters that are of importance to you, take measures to keep the control in your hands.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You'll be very effective today if you handle important developments in ways that do not call too much attention to yourself. Don't worry about instant recognition, because credit will come later.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Try to go where the action is today so that you can enjoy others and they, in turn, can enjoy you. You should be able to blend very comfortably into any group or gathering.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You can enhance your image today by underplaying your recent achievements. Exercise humility and let associates do the boasting on your behalf.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** The key to getting maximum cooperation from others today is to treat them exactly as you'd like to be treated. Try it, you'll like it — and so will they.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You could be extremely lucky today in ways that will not be immediately obvious. Someone may do something special to advance your interests that you won't learn of until a later date.

**Settling for eight**

By James Jacoby

**BRIDGE**



**JAMES JACOBY**

When you reach a seemingly safe part-score contract, it is very difficult to give up the play for overtricks just to guarantee the contract. When West led the six of clubs, East won the ace and returned a trump. Declarer put in the 10, losing to West's queen. Back came a spade. Declarer ducked and East won the king. Now a diamond was played. Of course South played low, and West won the king. That was four tricks for the defense, and West still had two natural trump tricks remaining, so the contract was one away. Sympathy to South, who caught a trump stack behind the A-J-10-8 and also found the king of spades and king of diamonds held by the wrong defenders.

There are two things worth noting. First, after the club lead, declarer will make the contract by giving up the play for overtricks. When East plays back a heart at trick two, South should win the ace and play to dummy's

queen and jack of clubs. Even though West ruffs, declarer will be able to get back to his hand with the diamond ace to pitch dummy's losing spade on the king of clubs.

Second, West's defensive strategy was poorly conceived. With length in the opponents' trump suit, West should not be trying to develop ruffing tricks. If the opening lead is a spade, declarer never has any chance to make the contract.

<b>NORTH</b> 3-22-89			
♦ A 7			
♥ 7 4 3 2			
♦ Q J 8 3			
♦ Q J 2			
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♦ 10 5 3 2		♦ K J 6 4	
♥ K Q 9 6		♥ 5	
♦ K 7 5		♦ 9 6 4 2	
♦ 6 4		♦ A 10 8 5	
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♦ Q 9 8			
♥ A J 10 8			
♦ A 10			
♦ K 9 7 3			
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: South			
West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Opening lead: ♠ 6			

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

**CELEBRITY CIPHER**

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: O equals O.

W K R A S N W M V A M T E L A R  
 W X W N P R W Q L Z P A Z X P W  
 S P E Z P Y Q ; X W B P Y A G X U M ' O  
 H P H P Q Q P S . - D A L M  
 X T S S A O G P Q P .

SOLUTION: "I'm working on a show I like with people I respect; life couldn't be better." — John Larroquette.